GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DUES WITH PRIVATE AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are yet to receive arrears from private airlines that have closed down their operations in India as a result of Open Sky Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these companies are making timely payments;

(d) if not, penalties the Government propose to impose on such private airlines for not making timely payments; and

(e) the total amount received by the Government from private airlines as penalties during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) and (b):- Government has no information if any private airline has closed down as a result of Open Sky Policy. However, some private airlines have closed operations and the amounts outstanding to Airports Authority of India (AAI)from these airlines as on 31.03.2003 are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

East-West Airlines	18.31
NEPC Airlines	2.96
Skylines NEPC	1.91
Elbee Airlines	0.92
Mesco Airlines	1.27
Continental Aviation	1.26
VIF Airways	0.61
Others (Less than 50.00 lakhs)	1.08

(c):- No, Sir.

(d):- AAI imposes penal interest on these defaulting airlines and court cases/arbitration and cases under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupation) Act 1971 have been filed against them in various courts of the country.

(e):- No amount has been received by the Government as penalties from these private airlines during the last three years.